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STATEMENT OF INTERVIEW - APPLICANT SUMMARY

In response to the Interview Summary mailed December 23, 2005, the undersigned's recollection of the interview with Examiner Lam conducted on December 15, 2005, are summarized below. Applicants proposed amending the temperature monitor language of claim 1 to include the recitations 'external' and 'not in contact' with the cartridge. The Examiner inquired as to support for these recitations in the specification. With regard to 'not in contact,' the undersigned directed the Examiner's attention to paragraph 29, which discloses optical temperature measurement means that provide "non-contact between the miniature analytical device and the disposable cartridge." The undersigned recalls some agreement that 'not in contact' was thus supported by the specification. The interview next turned to discussion of 'external.'

Here, the Examiner noted that the word "external" was not explicitly stated in paragraph 29. Without acquiescing to whether a temperature monitor of such 'external' limitation was or was not taught in the specification (i.e., either here in paragraph 29, or elsewhere), the undersigned recalls simply focusing our attention to recitations that were explicitly recited in the specification. Applicants thank the Examiner for this most helpful and productive discussion, in which several potential recitations/amendments were discussed. At the end of this discussion, the undersigned indicated that amended claim language consistent with these latter discussions would be submitted with the forthcoming Amendment and Response.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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